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JUL - 3 2000AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method for forwarding packets to a network, comprising the steps of:
providing a packet forwarding system with a memory, said packet forwarding system
being connected to the network;
creating a packet at the packet forwarding system and storing the packet in the memory
of the packet forwarding system;
attempting to forward [a] the packet stored in memory to the network;
establishing a time limit within which to forward the packet stored in the memory to the